

Accident History

Every year, San Antonio experiences several thousand traffic accidents. At locations where the number of vehicles is higher, the number of accidents tends to be higher. Although many thousands of accidents are on freeways, a significant number are on city streets.

The keys to minimizing accidents :

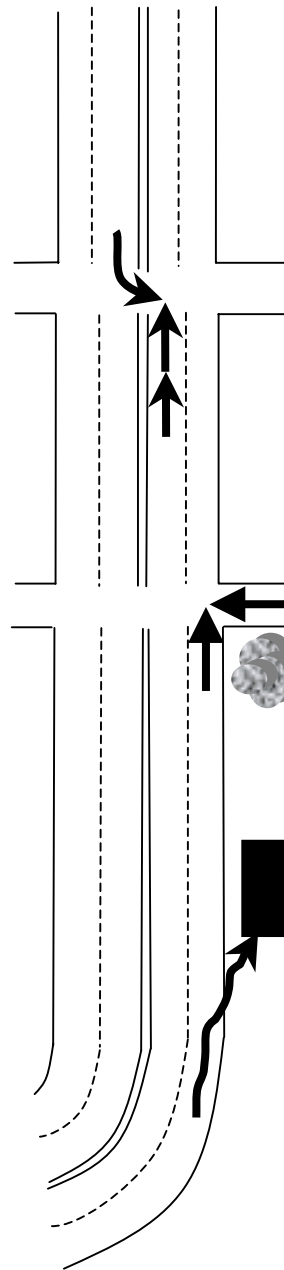
Education: Drivers Education; Defensive Driving, etc.

Enforcement: Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, etc.

Engineering: Pavement, lanes, signs, signals, pavement markings, etc.

Accident Types

Nearly all accidents are related to driver error. Nevertheless, the likelihood of such errors can, in some instances, be reduced through engineering changes. Below are types of accidents and the types of treatments that can sometimes be beneficial:



Accident: Left Turn

Treatment: Left Turn Bay

Accident: Rear End

Treatment: Left Turn Bay

Accident: Right Angle

Treatment: Vegetation removal to improve visibility; stop sign, traffic signal, No Turn On Red sign

Accident: Off-Road

Treatment: Skid-resistant pavement surface



Roadside Safety

Off-Road accidents, like most accident types, could happen almost anywhere; however they are more likely to happen in a curve. Where there is a specific danger associated with an off-road accident, the following steps can be considered in the order given:

1. Remove the object.
2. Relocate the object away from traffic.
3. Make object "breakaway" or install crash cushion or guardrail.
4. Install warning signs/markings.

Recommendations

Regardless of whether signs, guardrails, skid-resistant pavements, etc. are present, no one wants to be involved in a traffic accident. So, how do we avoid them? You've heard it before: "Drive Defensively!"

If you know of a City street with a traffic safety problem that can be remedied with an engineering solution, contact the City at the address below.



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Traffic Safety on City Streets



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